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(Stock code: 00980)

ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

The board of directors (the "Board") of Lianhua Supermarket Holdings Co., Ltd. (the "Company") announces that as a result of adjustment in work allocation, Mr. Zhou Zhong-qi ceased to be the company secretary of the Company and secretary of the Board with effect from 16 October 2014 and Ms. Hu Li-ping ("Ms. Hu") (*Note 1*) and Mr. Mok Chung Kwan, Stephen ("Mr. Mok") (*Note 2*) were appointed as the joint company secretary of the Company, and Ms. Hu was appointed as secretary of the Board with effect from 16 October 2014 (the "Appointment Date").

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the Company must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary. Ms. Hu has abundant experience in management of listed retail company and is familiar with the operations of the Company. However, given that Ms. Hu does not possess the relevant qualification as required under the Listing Rules, her appointment as company secretary alone does not strictly comply with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

The Company has made application to the Stock Exchange for and the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. The waiver is valid for a period of three years from the Appointment Date (the "Waiver Period"), on the conditions that the Company engages Mr. Mok, who possesses all the requisite qualifications required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, to assist Ms. Hu in her discharge of duties as a joint company secretary during the Waiver Period. The waiver will be revoked immediately when Mr. Mok ceases to be a joint company secretary of the Company. At the end of the Waiver Period, the Company will notify the Stock Exchange to revisit the situation. The Stock Exchange expects that the Company will be able to satisfy the Stock Exchange that Ms. Hu can satisfy Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules at the end of the Waiver Period, having had the benefit of Mr. Mok's assistance, such that a further waiver would not be necessary.

By order of the Board
Lianhua Supermarket Holdings Co., Ltd.
Chen Jian-jun
Chairman

Shanghai, the People's Republic of China, 16 October, 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are:

Executive directors: Chen Jian-jun, Hua Guo-ping, Qi Yue-hong, Zhou Zhong-qi and Shi Hao-gang;

Non-executive directors: Li Guo-ding, Wu Jie-qing and Wong Tak Hung;

Independent non-executive directors: Xia Da-wei, Lee Kwok Ming, Don, Zhang Hui-ming and Huo Jia-zhen.

Note

1. Ms. Hu graduated from Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce (上海立信會計專科學校) with a diploma in Accounting in 1989 and graduated from Macau University of Science and Technology with a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 2003. She is an accountant as approved by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC in 1998. She served as the head of the Finance Section and the chief of the Financial Department of Shanghai Hualian Supermarket Co., Ltd (上海華聯超市公司) from December 1992 to January 1997. She served as the Deputy Manager, Manager of Financial Department and the Chief Financial Officer of Hualian Supermarket Co., Ltd from January 1997 to November 2013. Ms. Hu was also the Chief Financial Officer of Shanghai Lianhua Supermarket Development Co., Ltd (a subsidiary of the Company) from July 2010 to November 2013. She has been the Chief of Financial Administration Department of the Company since November 2013. She was also appointed as the Chief of Securities Affairs Department of the Company from August 2014, responsible for, among others, ensuring the Group's compliance with the Listing Rules and other relevant law and regulations including the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Companies Ordinance and the Takeovers Code, the preparation and dissemination of interim and annual reports, announcements and circulars of the Company in compliance with the Listing Rules. Ms. Hu has more than 10 years experience in the finance and management of listed companies in the consumer industry.
2. Mr. Mok is a solicitor as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and currently a partner of Eversheds. Mr. Mok graduated from the University of New South Wales in Australia with Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)/ Bachelor of Laws degrees. Mr. Mok possesses qualifications as a practicing solicitor in England and Wales, New South Wales of Australia, and Hong Kong. Mr. Mok has extensive experience in general business practices and corporate financial transactions, such as assisting corporations on listing their shares on the Stock Exchange, merger and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, organising joint ventures, and compliance with the Listing Rules and securities-related laws of Hong Kong. Mr. Mok was the joint company secretary of the Company for the period from 7 June 2004 to 9 March 2011 and was reappointed as the joint Company Secretary of the Company since 30 December 2013. Mr. Mok has been the legal adviser of the Company since the listing of the Company on the main board of the Stock Exchange in 2003.